ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Section 21 32.200 of Title 21 – Subdivisions of the Los Angeles County Code related to bridge and major thoroughfare construction fees, as follows:

- Expands the definition of the term "construction," and makes other grammatical changes, to conform with recent changes in State law; and
 - Corrects an erroneous statutory reference.

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ORDINANCE NO.	

An ordinance amending Section 21.32.200 of Title 21 - Subdivisions of the Los Angeles County Code related to bridge and major thoroughfare construction fees

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows

SECTION 1.

Section 21 32.200 is hereby amended to read as follows.

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Major <u>tThoroughfare</u> and <u>bBridge</u> <u>fFees</u>.

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- B Definitions.
- 1. "Administrative expenses" means those office, personnel, and other customary and normal expenses associated with the direct management and administration of the County, but not including costs of construction.
- 42 "Area of benefit" means a specified area wherein it has been determined that the real property located therein will benefit from the construction of a bridge and/or major thoroughfare.
- "Bridge facilities" means any crossing for a highway or local road, involving a railway, freeway, stream, or canyon, which is required by the General Plan in order to accommodate new urban development within the area of benefit.
- "Construction" means and includes preliminary studies, design, acquisition of right-of-way, administration of construction contracts, and actual construction, including, but not limited to, all direct and indirect environmental, engineering, accounting, legal, administration of construction contracts, and other services necessary therefore. The term "construction" also includes reasonable

administrative expenses, not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in any calendar year after January 1, 1986, as adjusted annually for any increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for all Urban Consumers, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, California (1967 = 100), as published by the United States Department of Commerce for the purpose of constructing bridges and major thoroughfares.

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- F 1 Action to establish an area of benefit may be initiated by the <u>bB</u>oard of <u>sSupervisors</u> upon its own motion or upon the recommendation of the <u>rR</u>oad <u>eCommissioner</u>.
- The <u>bB</u>oard of <u>sS</u>upervisors will set a public hearing for each proposed area benefited. Notice of the time and place of said hearing, including preliminary information related to the boundaries of the area of benefit, estimated costs, and the method of fee apportionment, shall be given pursuant to Section <u>6590565091</u> of the Government Code,

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H Fees paid pursuant to this sSection shall be deposited in a planned bridge facility and/or major thoroughfare fund. A fund shall be established for each planned bridge facility project and/or each planned major thoroughfare project. If the benefit area is one in which more than one bridge and/or major thoroughfare is required to be constructed, a separate fund may be established covering all of the bridge projects and/or major thoroughfares projects in the benefit area. Moneyies in such fund shall be

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expended solely for the construction or reimbursement for construction of the improvement or improvements serving the area to be benefited and from which the fees comprising the fund were collected, or to reimburse the eCounty for the costs of constructing the improvement or improvements.

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K. If a subdivider, as a condition of approval of a subdivision, is required or desires to construct a bridge and/or major thoroughfare, the bBoard of sSupervisors may enter into a reimbursement agreement with the subdivider. Such agreement may provide for payments to the subdivider from the bridge facility and/or major thoroughfare fund covering that specific project to reimburse the subdivider for costs not allocated to the subdivider's property in the resolution establishing the area of benefit. If the bridge facility and/or major thoroughfare fund covers more than one project, reimbursements shall be made on a pro rata basis, reflecting the actual or estimated costs of the projects covered by the fund

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